

**Minutes of Queen's Garden Committee meeting – 16th February 2026 – 19.30
held in the Rawthey room.**

1. **Apologies for absence** – there were no apologies for absence. Present were Cllrs Thomson, Cowperthwaite and Lancaster.

2. **Declarations of interest and any requests for dispensations** – none requested nor declared.

3. **Public Participation** – there were no members of the public present.

4. **Minutes of last two meetings and any items arising not in the agenda.** The minutes were approved and signed by the chair. There were no matters arising.

5. **Review of current work in the Garden** – Cllr Thomson showed with a series of pictures showing the work had recently been done in the Garden.

6. **To review and decide on wall repairs** – pictures of minor crumbling of the north wall and one to the south of the garden were discussed. Resolved to ask the clerk to organise repairs.

7. **Update on interpretation panel replacement** – noted that the interpretation panel was being carefully restored but that the work takes time. It will be refixed when fully restored.

8. **Update on possible work by Sedbergh School** – sadly Sedbergh School's community day at the end of the lent term was not going to be possible due to pressure of other commitments in their diary. It is hoped that the work selected to be done by the School can be done on their community days at the end of the summer term.

9. **To consider possible hedge removal in the future** – Two hedges at the south end of the Garden were discussed. Cllrs were encouraged to visit the Garden and consider the benefits or otherwise of their removal.

10. **2026 tree survey** – noted that a tree survey was soon to be carried out in the Garden.